Govrenment proposal to raise drug prices

153. SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV:
SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:
SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH:
SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to raise the prices of Drugs;

(b) if so, when the prices of drugs were raised last by Government and the percentage by which the prices were raised;

(c) what are the reasons for further raising the prices of drugs and what is the percentage of the proposed price rise; and

(d) what will be its likely impact on the consumers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) to (d) Fixation/revision of prices of drugs is an ongoing exercise and cases are dealt with in accordance with the provisions of DPCO, 1987. Under the situation of general price rise, up-ward revision of prices of drugs is inevitable, however, increases are regulated through DPCO, 1987 to safeguard the interest of consumers.

Shortage of essential drugs in Delhi

154. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the acute shortage of essential drugs in Delhi;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what measures have been taken by Government for the supply of essential drugs to the consumers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) to (c) Though no general shortage of any drug came to the notice of the Government, there was temporary shortage of some branded formulations in Delhi, for which therapeutic equivalents were normally available. As soon as shortages were reported, the concerned manufacturers were asked to rush stocks. The situation has improved now.

फर्टिलाइजर कारपोरेशन आफ इंडिया और हिन्दुस्तान फर्टिलाइजर कारपोरेशन को हुई हानियां

155. **श्री रणजीत सिंह :**
श्री राम जेठमलानी :

क्या **प्रधान** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकारी क्षेत्र के उपक्रम फर्टिलाइजर कारपोरेशन आफ इण्डिया और हिन्दुस्तान फर्टिलाइजर कारपोरेशन को पिछले अनेक वर्षों से हानि हो रही है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उपर्युक्त उपक्रमों को मार्च, 1992 तक कुल कितनी हानि हुई है ,

(ग) उपर्युक्त अवधि के दौरान सरकार ने इन उपक्रमों को पूंजी निवेश अनुदान ऋण और अन्य सहायता के रूप में कुल कितनी धनराशि दी है; और

(घ) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार ने इन उपक्रमों को पुन: सक्षम स्थिति में लाने के लिए एक नई योजना बनाई है और यदि हां, तो उसे लागू करने के लिए क्या कदम उठाये गये हैं ?

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री चिंता मोहन) : (क) जी, हां ।

(ख) मार्च, 1992 तक एफ.सी.आई. और एच.एफ.सी. द्वारा उठाई

गयी कुल हानियां क्रमशः लगभग रू. 1565.14 करोड़ और रू. 1421.46 करोड़ है ।

(ग) सरकार द्वारा इन उपक्रमों में 31-3-92 तक किया गया निवेश तथा दी गयी सहायता निम्नानुसार है :-

(रू. करोड़ में)

	एफ.सी.आई.	एच.एफ.सी.
साम्य	616.39	670.02
ऋण	557.43	848.03
स्वैच्छिक सेवा-निवृत्ति योजना के लिए सहायता अनुदान	10.00	8.89

(घ) सरकार ने इस तरह की किसी योजना को अब तक अंतिम रूप नहीं दिया है । तथापि, एफ.सी.आई. और एच.एफ.सी. के मामलों को संबंधित कम्पनियों ने बी.आई.एफ.आर. को भेज दिया है । इन उपक्रमों के पुनरूद्धार के संबंध में कार्यवाही पर अंतिम निर्णय बी.आई.एफ.आर. द्वारा मामले की सुनवाई, रसायन उद्योग पर त्रिपक्षीय समिति के विचार तथा बजटीय स्रोतों द्वारा कोष की उपलब्धता पर भी निर्भर करेगा ।

Allotment of rapeseed oil

156. SHRI NYODEK YONGGAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have made any allotment of rapeseed oil to Arunachal Pradesh during 1989-90, 1990-91 and 1991-92 so far;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether such allocation is directly collected by the State Government from the State Trading Corporation of Delhi/Calcutta or the authorised agents; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. During the oil year November '89-October; '90 a quantity of 110 tonnes of imported Rapeseed Oil was allocated to Arunachal Pradesh and none thereafter.

(c) and (d) Imported Rapeseed Oil allocated was lifted by the State Government Co-operatives of Arunachal Pradesh, who are the authorised agents of the State Government. During the Oil year 1989-90 a quantity of 33 tonnes of imported Rapeseed Oil was lifted by the State Government agents from the STC Depot at Guwahati.

Newsitem captioned "Revamped but not enough to fill stomachs"

157. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news-item published in the Economic Times dated 31st May, 92 captioned as "Revamped, but not enough to fill stomachs"; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to rectify the shortfalls?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

Allocations of PDS items are made to States/UTs, on a month to month basis, taking into account the stocks in Central Pool, *interse* requirements of States/UTs, seasonal availability and other related factors.

The Central Government has made specific additional allocations of foodgrains to Rajasthan, for distribution exclusively in the identified areas under the Revamped Public Distribution System (PDS) from June, 1992. The additional quantity allotted to Rajasthan is 26,500 tonnes each for June and July, 1992. The